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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the Final Office Action dated November 1, 2004 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

NIKOLAI & MERSEREAU, P.A.

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Official Action dated November 1, 2004. That Action carried a shortened-statutory period for reply of three months so that a response is due by February 1, 2005, however, the Action was made final and this response is being submitted within two months of the date of the final Action.

It is requested that the following amendments be entered: